

MAY SG_KG1| W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: Philip and the Man from Ethiopia • Acts 8:26-40

Bottom Line: Keep following God, even when you have questions.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIRV

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Bible Story

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia • Acts 8:26-40

Conversation Starter

What questions do you have about God?

Bottom Line

Keep following God, even when you have questions.

Monthly Memory Verse

Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. • Galatians 6:9 NIRV

Greeting & Prayer

Pray for your group before they arrive → Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.



5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

K1 - Who Did It? | Made to Connect

What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  "Character Cards" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Character Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per kid.

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Acts 8. Show the kids in the Bible where the story is. (Acts 8:26-40)

- **Review the Bible Story by sharing these main points:**

An angel told a follower of Jesus named Philip to go to a desert road. On the desert road, there was a chariot.

The Holy Spirit told Philip: "Stay near that chariot!"

Philip ran up beside the chariot!

A man from Ethiopia was inside the chariot reading Scripture, but he didn't understand what he was reading.

So Philip climbed into the chariot and explained what the Scriptures meant. The man was reading about Jesus!

The man from Ethiopia decided to become a follower of Jesus! He saw some water and wanted to be baptized right away!

Right after Philip baptized the man, God took Philip away to teach about Him in another town.

- Give every kid a picture of Philip and a picture of the Ethiopian official from the "Character Cards" Activity Page.
- Tell them you're going to read some things that happened in today's Bible Story.
- They will listen carefully and hold up the picture of the person who did that action.

• Read the following statements:

- "Who was traveling in a chariot?" (*the Ethiopian official*)
- "Who did an angel tell to go to the desert road?" (*Philip*)
- "Who was reading from a scroll of Scripture but didn't understand it?" (*the Ethiopian official*)
- "Who ran alongside the chariot to talk to the man?" (*Philip*)
- "Who asked, 'What can stop me from being baptized?' (Acts 8:36-37 NIV)" (*the Ethiopian official*)
- "Who helped the man understand the good news about Jesus?" (*Philip*)

What You Say:

"You know our story so well! The man from Ethiopia had big questions, but he didn't stop looking for answers. And God sent Philip to help him. See, Philip was teaching about Jesus and His great love in Samaria. But then God's angel spoke to him and said, 'Go south to the desert road' (Acts 8:26a). Now, I'm sure Philip had questions about this. After all, he was busy doing God's work in Samaria! But Philip trusted God and set off down the road. That's where the man from Ethiopia was in his chariot!

"Then, the Holy Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot. Stay near it" (Acts 8:29). God directed Philip right to the chariot. Then, Philip was able to help the man from Ethiopia with his questions about God.

"God cared so much about the man from Ethiopia that He sent Philip to help him! God guided Philip every step of the way, just to help the Ethiopian man find answers. That's so cool! It reminds us to **[Bottom Line] keep following God, even when you have questions.**"




5 min

Application Activity

5 min

K1 - Desert Compass | Made to Create

What You Need

 Compass	1
 Bible	1
 Readily available items (e.g., shoe, block, 3 cup, etc.)	3

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use the compass to determine your North, South, East, and West.
- Place the Bible at North, and place each of the other items at South, East, and West.

During the Activity:

- Show the kids the compass. Explain that a compass always points north and helps people know which direction to go so they don't get lost.
- Say, "An angel told Philip to go south. Let's use our compass to find south!"
- Let the kids help you use the compass to find the "south" item.
- Say, "God's directions for Philip were super clear! The Holy Spirit told him to go to that specific chariot the Ethiopian man was in! Sometimes God's directions for us are in the Bible. Sometimes, He helps us know what to do when we pray and ask Him for help."
- Let the kids take turns holding the compass and finding the different directions.

What You Say:

"This compass is a great tool for finding the right way to go! When we have questions, the Bible and prayer are like a compass for our lives. They help point us to God.

"When we have questions, and we will have a lot of them, we can go to God and go to the Bible for answers.

"When you have questions—even when you've prayed about it and gone to the Bible—sometimes you may have to wait a long time for an answer. And sometimes it won't be the answer that you wanted. But through it all, you can trust that God loves you more than you can imagine, that God hears you every time. Like the man in our Bible Story, you can keep following God, even when you have questions! See, God doesn't get irritated or angry when we ask questions. In fact, God *loves* it when we ask questions. God wants to be your close, close friend, and if you have questions, it shows that you want to get to know Him more. Remember, you can **[Bottom Line] keep following God, even when you have questions.**"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

K1 – Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for all these special people. Please be with them this week. Thank You that we can always talk to You and ask You our questions. Help us to keep going as we follow You, and never give up. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to remember that God loves it when we ask questions!]

Supplies

K1 - Who Did It? | Made to Connect

Quantity

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Bible | 1 |
| 2. | "Character Cards" Activity Page | 1 |

K1 - Desert Compass | Made to Create

Quantity

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Compass | 1 |
| 2. | Bible | 1 |
| 3. | Readily available items (e.g., shoe, block, cup, etc.) | 3 |